

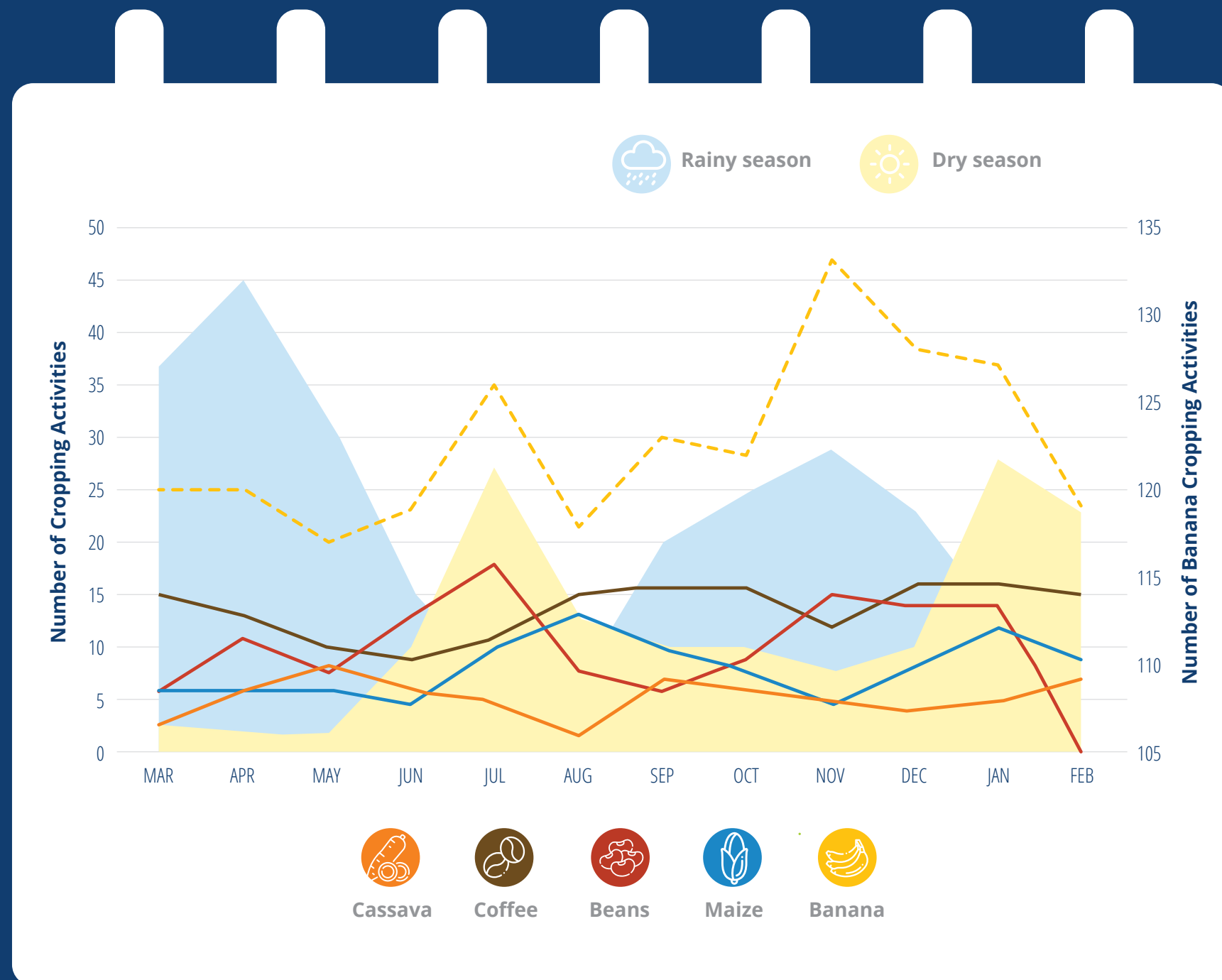
The Power of the Seasonal Calendar Method

The graph to the right aggregates data from several different seasonal crop calendars created during focus group discussions:

- Combines the climate/weather calendar (dry season and wet/rainy season) with cropping activities.
- Number of cropping activities per crop per month (uses 5 separate calendars / 1 per crop).

Why is this graph useful?

This graph shows the number of cultivation tasks that take place in the rainy and the dry seasons, illuminating the complexity of agriculture including the seasonality of agricultural labour. Such information helps persons who work with farmers to understand when they have more demands on their time. For example, when the number of tasks is high, farmers need to ensure that labour is available and they themselves may not have time to participate in training programs or on-farm experiments.



Crop activities and seasons across the year

Total monthly reported activities for each crop across the year in Tanzania and Uganda from 23 focus group discussions. Banana (dashed line) is plotted on a secondary axis to permit comparative peaks in activity with other crops.

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